

REMARKS


Applicants request favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 65-76 are presented for consideration in lieu of claim 1-64, which have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for these claims can be found in the original application, as filed. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that claims 65-76 patentably define features of the illuminator and the exposure apparatus of the present invention. Therefore, Applicants further submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue are requested.

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